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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1900.

The attention of the Government and Legislature at Victoria is directed to the following resolution, passed by the Associated Boards of Trade for Eastern British Columbia:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this Association, a department of the public service should be organized to which the duty of the preservation of the forests of the Province should be assigned, and that provision should be made for a rigid system of timber ranging, for a close inquiry into the origin of timber fires, for the enforcement of the law in regard to fires carelessly or maliciously caused, and with means and authority to extinguish incipient fires where it is possible so to do."

These Associated Boards represent a portion of the Province in which are situated many of the important centres of population. What their representative business men say on any question of public concern is entitled to the greatest respect and consideration. In the above resolution they say in effect that our forests are exposed to dangers against which they should be protected, and they venture to point out the lines on which this could best be done. If the Government and Legislature have the good sense to appreciate the gravity of the situation, they will give heed to the recommendations introduced with such brevity and comprehensiveness at once, says the Nelson Miner.

It is only the Government and Legislature that can act with effect; otherwise we can do no more than advise or recommend. We are not asking for a more efficient preservation of our forests because we are afraid of being burned up. It is unpleasant to contemplate that our towns may be burnt about our ears, and the products of our industry consumed in a night. We could rebuild our towns, no doubt, and in the course of time regret about us the little properties on which we depend for a competence in the evening of life. There is more than this at stake. Our population is on the increase. Mining prospectors are penetrating into all sorts of places. Soon there will be industries of one kind or another established in every section of the country. With the spread of population and the growth

of industries there will go also an increased danger of fires. It is easy to imagine our mountains and valleys both alike stripped of their wealth of trees. If that should happen our streams would dry up, and our rivers and lakes shrink to insignificant proportions. That would be a calamity, for it would change the entire face of the country and make it an undesirable one to live in as well as an unprofitable one to work in. We must preserve our forests if British Columbia is to go on prospering. We have only to look around us and see what is happening to know that the existing measures of preservation are not sufficient and the duty lies with the Legislature to make them so. No time should be lost in communicating to our governing authorities the resolution of the Board of Trade, with an intimation that action in the direction indicated cannot be taken too soon.

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## The Cut Worm.

The cut worm is active in several portions of the Province to the serious damage of vegetation. Persons interested have communicated with Dr. Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, Ottawa, who recommends poisoned bran as the most effective remedy, and as the cut worm has encroached to a considerable extent on many of the ranches in the Windermere district it may be interesting to many of our readers to know how this is prepared. Dr. Fletcher writes to a correspondent in Victoria: "I find the best way to prepare this is to wet the bran with water slightly sweetened, then dry this by mixing in more dry bran, until the whole is apparently dry again, but as a matter of fact there will be sufficient imperceptible moisture to make the poison adhere." The poison referred to is Paris Green, and this manner of applying it is recommended in preference to the spraying system.

## ASSOCIATED BOARDS.

The convention recently held at Nelson by the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia discussed at length the many requirements of the Kootenay country, and will bring many points of interest before the Governments which will no doubt receive their careful attention, coming from a convention of business men who represent the best interests of all communities. Below we print a few of the resolutions which were passed and are of general interest to this district.

In regard to the surface rights of mineral claims the convention adopted the following:

"Believing that the title to Crown granted mineral claims should be full and perfect and that all the surface rights of such claims belong absolutely to the grantee; be it

"Resolved, That this association deplore the fact that the Government to change the law so that surface rights of mineral claims may be allowed to acquire the surface thereof at the same price that would be paid if the purchase were made under the Land Act; provided, that the application be made within six months after the Crown grant is issued.

H. Byers and D. Ross introduced a resolution pledging the association to urge the post office department to establish a daily mail service among the towns of Eastern British Columbia, where a daily service is in operation, and that a mail car should be put on the Crow's Nest Pass road between Medicine Hat and Kootenay Landing.

The matter of bringing the resources of British Columbia to the attention of English investors through an exhibit of minerals at Glasgow, Scotland, was gone into and universally approved, and a resolution was passed recommending the Government to take action in this direction.

A resolution suggesting that the Government make provision for quarterly returns of the development of the mining industry, the point being that such statistics would materially influence investors and assist promoters in inducing capitalists to direct their attention to the Province, was introduced and carried.

A resolution was adopted recommending the Government to have maps of surveyed lands placed in every government office for the information of persons requiring information on any point, and that the maps be kept corrected to date.

It was also decided to petition the Provincial Government that the title to Crown granted mineral claims should be full and perfect and that all surface ground and timber on the claims revert absolutely to the grantee.

Another of Col. Topping's resolutions was: "That this meeting desires to call the attention of the Government to the injustice of certain of the provisions of the act of 1893 known as the act framed the Bureau of Mines Act, whereby in opposition to the spirit of British law it is made to unjustly affect the rights and interests of an important body of professional men. This association approves of the principle of an examination in assaying and the issuance of a certificate of proficiency by the Government as an antecedent to men not already established in business being permitted to engage in assaying in this Province. And further this association having heard the statement and suggestions submitted by J. C. McKelvie, Minister of Mines and other Ministers of the Crown, hereby heartily endorses the same and trusts that the suggestions therein dealt with will receive consideration and be acted upon during the present session of the Legislature. And that this Association also strongly urges the desirability of having examinations for assayers annually in the mining districts as well as in the cities."

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### Claim Monopoly.

Those who are prospecting do not make any claim on open lands, but they prefer to re-stake and spend their otherwise unoccupied time in searching for more claims to stake, spending more time and money in the effort than would in many cases make them rich on property they already possess. There are prospectors in the camp who have more claims on record than they could possibly represent in a year if they worked steadily all the time. There are claims within a mile of the town that have half a dozen sets of stakes on them. More than one claim in the hands of a man of small means is superfluous. One claim is sufficient to make a man rich. A dozen of them will keep a prospector poor all his life.

It is not a government mistake that is wanted, but a little in earnest, or something close to it. It should be imperative that the locator of a mineral claim do a certain amount of work on it before recording his location, and it should also be imperative that he do a reasonable amount of work each year. Within a limited number of years he should be compelled to take out his patent and all unworked crown-granted claims should be assessed on their assumed value and taxed to the limit. No man should have privilege to withhold from others resources which he will not develop himself. There are supposed to be laws to similar effect on the statute books of B. C., but they are dodged and avoided at every turn. These laws are full of loopholes and should be wiped out and replaced by an enactment that would be effective. Such a law would compel prospectors to evaluate their attention to one or two claims, and it would also prevent pseudo capitalists from holding unworked claims while others proved them valuable by developing adjacent property, says the Sanction.

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